



## NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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### PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR MEDICARE PART A BUY-IN

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Proposed SPA #24-0011, pursuant with Senate Bill 311 (Eggman, 2023), requires California to enter into a Medicare Part A Buy-In agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). California will automatically pay Medicare Part A premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance for Medi-Cal members who are enrolled in both the Medicare program and Medi-Cal program (dually eligible) and qualify for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Medicare Savings Program. Dually eligible Medi-Cal members would not be required to complete a multi-step application process with both Social Security Administration (SSA) and the county Medi-Cal eligibility office for Medicare Part A Buy-In.

DHCS estimates cost savings for both state and federal funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is October 1, 2024, with implementation expected on January 1, 2025. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

#### Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #24-0011 will be published on: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2024.aspx>.

If you would like to view the SPA in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA #24-0011 using the mailing or email address listed below.



Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Third Party Liability and Recovery Division  
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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #24-0011 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #24-0011 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.